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The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of the references listed in the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed August 3, 2006 by providing an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449.

Copies of the papers as filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 3, 2006 are attached for the Examiner's convenience.

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1. Information Disclosure Statement (with a copy of Communication from a foreign patent office, references and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified))
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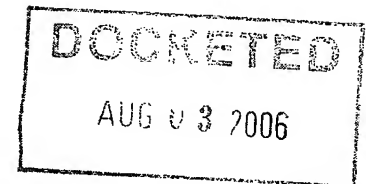
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

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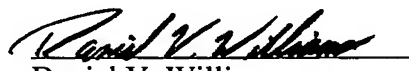
prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

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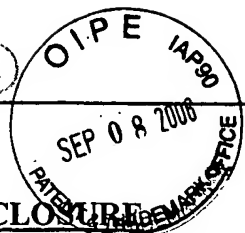
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